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SUBJ: BANNED CI LEADER RECEIVES DEATH THREATS

SUMMARY: REV THEO KOTZE HAS RECEIVED ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE
CALLS THREATENING HIS DEATH IN PAST TWO DAYS. FOLLOWING
HIS MEETING HERE YESTERDAY WITH SIR RONALD HARRIS,
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND, KOTZE
RECEIVED CALL STATING, FALSELY, THAT HARRIS WAS DEAD.
CALLS HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO LOCAL POLICE WHO SAY THEY
ARE INVESTIGATING. END SUMMARY.

1. REV THEO KOTZE, CAPE DIRECTOR OF THE CHRISTIAN
INSTITUTE (CI) PRIOR TO HIS AND ITS BANNING LAST OCT
19, VISITED CONGENOFF AT HOME LATE LAST NIGHT TO INFORM
HIM OF THREATENING PHONE CALLS RECEIVED IN PAST FEW
DAYS. FIRST SUCH CALL WAS RECEIVED EVENING OF JAN 10.
MALE CALLER SAID "YOU'RE NEXT ON THE LIST, REVEREND,
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"YOU'RE GOING TO BE DEAD." KOTZE TOOK THIS TO BE A
REFERENCE TO RECENT SHOOTING OF BANNED UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR
RICHARD TURNER (DURBAN 0012). KOTZE HAD RECEIVED CALL THAT
MORNING FROM DURBAN ASKING ON BEHALF OF FAMILY THAT HE
BE ONE OF PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS AT FUNERAL TO BE HELD JAN 14.
AS BANNED PERSON, HE APPLIED FOR PERMISSION TO GO TO
DURBAN FOR THAT PURPOSE. AS EXPECTED, HIS REQUEST

HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN REFUSED BY THE AUTHORITIES.

2. KOTZE REPORTED CALL NEXT DAY TO LOCAL POLICE WHO IN TURN REFERRED HIM TO CID. EVENING OF JAN 12, KOTZE HAD MEETING AT A LOCAL HOTEL WITH SIR RONALD HARRIS, CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND, WHO CURRENTLY VISITING SOUTH AFRICA. MEETING WAS HELD AT HARRIS' REQUEST AND APPOINTMENT HAD BEEN MADE BY PHONE THE SAME DAY. DURING MEETING MRS. KOTZE NOTICED THAT SHE AND MRS. HARRIS WERE BEING CLOSELY OBSERVED BY TWO MEN. WHEN KOTZE NOTICED THEM UPON DEPARTURE FROM HOTEL HE OBSERVED TO MRS. KOTZE THAT THEY APPEARED TO BE MEMBERS OF POLICE SPECIAL BRANCH. SAME TWO MEN FOLLOWED KOTZES TO THEIR HOME AFTER THE MEETING IN A CAR WHICH KOTZE SAYS HE RECOGNIZES AS ONE USED BY SECURITY POLICE.

3. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, SERIES OF TELEPHONE CALLS STARTED IN WHICH CALLER HUNG UP WITHOUT SPEAKING. AFTER FIVE OR SIX CALLS IN SUCCESSION, CALLER FINALLY SPOKE, SAYING HE WANTED TO "CONVEY RESPECTS OF MR. HARRIS" WHO HE SAID "IS DEAD - HE DOESN'T EXIST ANYMORE." NOT WANTING TO CALL SIR RONALD DIRECTLY, KOTZE DROVE TO HOME OF BRITISH CONGEN HENNESSY AND INFORMED HIM OF INCIDENT. HENNESSY SAID HE WOULD SEE TO IT THAT SIR RONALD INFORMED. KOTZE THEN VISITED CONGENOFF TO INFORM HIM OF EVENTS.

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4. CID REP CALLED KOTZE TODAY TO INFORM HIM THEY HAVE "OPENED A DOCKET" ON THE JAN 10 INCIDENT. KOTZE MADE APPOINTMENT FOR LATER TODAY TO INFORM CID OF LAST NIGHT'S EVENTS. KOTZE TOLD CONGENOFF THAT CONTRARY TO OTHER INCIDENTS OF HARASSMENT IN PAST FEW YEARS WHEN CALLERS GENERALLY SPOKE IN HEAVY AFRIKAANS ACCENTS, MOST RECENT CALLS WERE MADE BY ENGLISH-SPEAKING MALES. HE NOTED WRYLY THAT, IN PAST, ONE TENDED TO DISMISS SUCH CALLS AS "SICK PEOPLE PLAYING GAMES", BUT THAT SINCE DEATH OF RICHARD TURNER ONE HAD TO WONDER IF SUCH ASSUMPTION REMAINED VALID. HE SAID THAT WITHOUT WANTING TO BE "PARANOIAC", FACT THAT IN BOTH CASES CALLS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN PROMPTED BY EVENTS WHICH COULD BE KNOWN ONLY TO SOMEONE LISTENING IN ON HIS PHONE CALLS OR CLOSELY FOLLOWING HIS MOVEMENTS RAISED AT LEAST SOME QUESTION AS TO POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PERPETRATORS AND THE SECURITY POLICE. WHITE

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